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ONE CENT

REGISTRATION CARDS WILL BE CALLED FOR IMMEDIATELY

List of Food Conservers to
be Sent to Washington
City at Once

FULL REPORTS ARE WANTED

Notice will be given today to food conservation chairmen all over Washington county to mail at once registration cards on hand and to send all others at the earliest possible date to the Washington headquarters of the Public Safety committee in order that all may be dispatched to Washington City by the first of August.

Reports to the Public Safety Committee indicate that the women of the county have responded excellently to the appeals of the committee and that almost 100 per cent registration will be attained. It is estimated there are about 30,000 women in the county who should register. The women in registering promise to co-operate in saving food as a measure of war.

Practically all of Charleroi and the surrounding community have been canvassed by solicitors in this campaign. The fifth district is a little behind the others, owing to the fact that the lady assigned as chairman was unable to take up the work. However, other volunteers came forward and offered to do the work, and Chairman Daly, of the local Public Safety Committee, expects to have a complete list within a very few days. When the list is complete it will be put in shape for publication, that the people of the community may know how many have been registered.

LOCKJAW RESULTS FROM INFECTED COURT PLASTER

Mention was made in The Mail a few days ago of the efforts of government officials to apprehend two foreigners who were trying to sell court plasters and pencils at West Middlesex, near Sharon. A report comes from Erie that a girl residing in that city is a victim of lockjaw from using court plaster which had been purchased from an Austrian peddler. The man has been arrested, and will be held pending an analysis of the plaster. People cannot be too careful these days in buying from strangers. Better stick to the home dealer.

ADDITIONAL CABLES FROM FIFTH RESERVES

a number of Charleroi boys are members of the Fifth Reserve Engineers, in which a number of Charleroi boys are members, are located not far from a big English port. The cables simply stated that all arrived safely and all were well.

BENEFIT LAWN FETE FOR CO. A WELL ATTENDED

The benefit lawn fete for Company A, Tenth regiment, in Monongahela, Tuesday evening, was well attended. The evening was all that could be desired for an outdoor event, the only disappointing feature being the failure of the band to put in an appearance. There was some misunderstanding about the music, which was regretted, but the patronage was none the less generous. Quite a handsome sum was netted for the benefit of the boys.

CALL TO GUARDS MAY COME SOON

Men Packing Personal Effects Prior to Their
Departure

ORDERS MAY COME THIS WEEK

That the United States is preparing to send an immense army to France in the very immediate future is shown by the request of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo for another \$5,000,000,000, and which he has asked Congress to appropriate.

Back of this request is the statement that the United States realizing the instability of the Russian offense, will send one million men to France this fall, this number to be augmented by other contingents just as rapidly as they can be prepared. If this is the program to be adopted, it looks very much that way, it will mean that the National Guards as well as the regular Army, when they have been recruited to war strength and have had some preliminary training, will be sent to Europe just as fast as transports can be provided.

National Guard Units now in camp expect to be sent to concentration points within a few days, possibly beginning this week. The members of Company A at Monongahela are now packing all their personal effects which they expect to take with them, in order to have everything in readiness the minute the call comes for the command to move. The summons may come at any time now, as practically every unit of the Tenth regiment has been mustered into the service. At the present time the Tenth regiment has 54 men more than the required war strength.

Special sale of children's silk lysle socks. The thing that has been so scarce and hard to get. See them in our window, Berryman's. 34-42.

JUMPS FROM TRUCK; IS KILLED BY AUTO

Captain Hoff an is holding an inquest today at Bentleyville to inquire into the death of Helen Kitosh, aged six, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kitosh, of that place, who was killed by an automobile late Monday afternoon.

The little girl was riding on the back of a brewery truck. She jumped off, and to escape being hit by the car of Deputy Sheriff Hornbake of Washington, who was driving along behind, ran to the other side of the road. She was struck by another car driven by William Frye, of Beallsville, who was going the other way and who could not see her until he struck her. The little girl was almost instantly killed.

COUNTY RED CROSS IS ORGANIZING NEW UNITS

An auxiliary of the Washington County Red Cross was organized at Marianna Tuesday night, and rallies are planned for this and next week to keep interest in the work at high pitch. An auxiliary will be organized at Finleyville on Friday night. Within a short time every community in the county will be represented in this splendid work.

ADDITIONAL REGIMENTS ARE MUSTERED TODAY

The National Guards of 19 states and the District of Columbia were ordered mobilized today, the men to assemble in their respective armories for medical examination and muster. These states will be followed on the 5th of August by the Guards of the remaining states, on which day the entire Guards of the nation will be drafted into the federal service.

WILL GUARD MORALS OF THE GUARDSMEN

President Wilson on Monday issued an executive order, prohibiting the existence of disorderly resorts or saloons within five miles of any military camp. Any town within such a radius licensing saloons would not be affected, but no saloon may be within a half mile of any camp. This action is taken in order to guard the morals of the men who are serving in the army.

HAD NO AUTO LICENSE AND WILL BE PROSECUTED

An automobile owned and driven by Mike Conti, of Monessen, and a machine driven by Felix Ournac, of Lock No. 4, collided at the corner of Third street and Schoonmaker avenue in Monessen Sunday night. Both machines suffered some damage, but the occupants of both cars escaped unharmed. The Monessen police ascertained that Ournac had no license to drive an automobile and he will be prosecuted.

Miss Adlemina Riva has returned from a two weeks visit at Oakmont and Pittsburgh.

MAY MODEL ARMY AFTER THE FRENCH

It is intimated that the American army may be modeled after the French army, and the size of the smaller units changed. According to the new arrangement, Companies would have 250 members, instead of 150 at the present time; a regiment would have a strength of 300 men, while a division would be composed of 17,000. This change is recommended by Gen. Pershing, because of the fact that in the activities along the battle front the American and French armies would have to take care of the same positions, and in relieving each other it would be positively necessary to have units of exactly the same size. Army officers object to the new arrangement, but it may be adopted, because of conditions now existing along the battle front.

ADDITIONAL DOCTORS ARE NEEDED IN DRAFT

Members of the Washington county draft boards, as well as others in the state, have received telegrams from Governor Brumbaugh asking them to recommend physicians for appointment to assist the regular physicians on the boards in their work. These appointments will be made, if desired, that the men summoned may be passed on in an expeditious manner.

WILL DISCARD SKIRTS AND DON OVERALLS

As a matter of safety the women and girls employed in the Farrel tin mills have decided to shed their skirts and shirt waists and wear blouses and overalls. The American Sheet & Tin Plate company decided to donate the first uniforms, and measurements were taken on Tuesday.

NO REGISTRANTS ON EXEMPTION BOARDS

Governor Brumbaugh has issued orders that all men on exemption boards between the ages of 21 and 31 must resign their positions at once. They will not be permitted to pass on those who have been summoned by the draft of last week. Two boards of Fayette county will have to secure new members because of this decision, which looks to be eminently fair.

VICIOUS PROPAGANDA CHARGED TO GERMANS

A propaganda, inspired and financed by Germans, is being carried on throughout the United States, to dispirit Americans, is the charge made by officials of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Red Cross. Tales of hardships, of the number of men killed in battle; of the length of life of officers, as well as other stories of a like character have been circulated recently all over the United States. A new crop is expected any time, and it is the purpose of the Pittsburgh Chapter to give real facts instead of so much of the "I heard" stories.

DRAFT BOARDS MUST MAKE UP AN ADDITIONAL LIST

WILL NOT ASK EXEMPTION
FOR ANY OF THEIR MEN

It is reported that steel companies operating in the Pittsburgh district will not ask for the exemption of any of their employees, allowing the men to take their chances before the various boards, believing that the interests of the industry will be better conserved by following this line of action. It is not believed that any of the exemption boards will allow any of the mills to be retarded in necessary work by taking men who are absolutely essential to certain operations.

Will Eliminate All Number
Not Affecting Their
District

TO GIVE NAMES AND NUMBERS

The exemption board of the Fifth District of Washington county will receive its "master lists" of numbers from Washington possibly today. Immediately upon its receipt the Board members will begin work on making up a list which will show the first 876 men in this district liable for military duty.

The list will be made up in three columns, the first column showing the serial number, the second the name of the registrant, and the third the order in which he will be summoned to appear before the board of examination. As soon as this second and local list is ready the Board will then be in position to notify the men who have been drawn in the first consignment to appear and be examined. According to instructions from Washington the Boards must call twice the number of men required to fill up the quota. In this district the quota is 438, making it necessary to call 876 numbers. Should the quota be filled before these numbers are exhausted, the Board will cease examination as soon as the necessary number is obtained. Should the entire list of 876 numbers be exhausted, before the necessary number of men have been selected, they will be required to call more numbers until the necessary number of men have been selected.

TWO PASTORAL CHANGES MADE

Bentleyville, Ellsworth and
Cokeburg are Supplied
With Ministers

ARRANGE FOR INSTALLATION

A called meeting of the Washington Presbytery was held at Ellsworth Tuesday evening, at which time a number of pastoral changes were taken up and acted upon.

The Rev. A. T. Carr was received from the Redstone Presbytery and arrangements made for his installation as pastor of the Bentleyville Presbyterian church, for which he has been the acting pastor for the past month. He will be installed Thursday, August 2, at 8 p. m. The Rev. C. L. McKee, of Washington, will preside, propound the constitutional questions and charge the congregation. The Rev. John R. Burson, pastor of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church, will preach the sermon and the Rev. James Hamilton will charge the pastor.

The Rev. H. H. Ryland was released as pastor from the Roscoe and Coal Center churches to allow him to accept the pastorates of the Ellsworth and Cokeburg churches. He will be installed Thursday, September 6, at 3 p. m. at Cokeburg, and at 8 p. m. at Ellsworth. Dr. W. E. Slemmons, of Washington, will preside and preach the sermon; Dr. Matthew Rutherford, of Washington, will charge the people, and Rev. Mr. McKee the pastor. Rev. Mr. Ryland will begin his work at Ellsworth next Sunday.

MEN DISCHARGED ARE EASILY REPLACED

Company K, Tenth Regiment, of Waynesburg, lost 17 men by medical examination and by reason of the fact that soldiers had dependents. Their places were easily filled, and even now the Company has a waiting list, to fill any other vacancy that might occur.

COAL COMPANY BRINGS SUIT IN EJECTMENT

The Union Coal & Coke company has filed amicable actions in ejectment against Mrs. Rosie Switz and Andy Kennedy. The property involved is two houses and lots in Carroll township.

CONSUMERS CONSERVE BUT PRICES ARE HIGH

Attention is called to the fact that while the people are conserving foodstuffs, and raising more garden "truck" this year than ever before, the prices of all commodities remain at an abnormally high figure. Possibly it just happens that conditions remain so, but it is rather significant that with the immense quantities of foodstuffs available that prices should be so stiff.

HOW BURGLARS WORK OVER IN MONESSEN

According to the Friday Evening Call the Monessen police department received a letter a few days ago, stating that in a prominent building in that town at a certain hour at night a light would be seen moving, but that no alarm need be felt, as the building was being fumigated. At the time and place stated burglary was committed unmolested. Nothing like attending to small details when about an important job.

PEOPLE NOTIFIED TO PROCURE COAL SUPPLY

The Manufacturers Light and Heat company, which operates extensively in this section of Pennsylvania, and which has thousands of patrons throughout this district, has notified its customers to lay in a quantity of coal, as the demand for gas this coming winter is going to be something unprecedented. This auxiliary supply should be sufficient to carry them over periods of 15 to 30 days, to provide against any discomfort which might arise from the shortage of gas.

Majestic Theatre Today
ETHEL CLAYTON with "Yankee Pluck"
MONTAGUE LOVE in "You Know What That Means"
THURSDAY-SUSAN GRANDAISE, the sweetest girl in Europe in "A NAKED SOUL"
now playing at Liberty Theatre, Pittsburgh comes direct to the Majestic
Friday, Bessie Love in a picture that will please the most skeptical, "The Sawdust Ring"

Coyle Theatre Today
Mme. Petrova, in "The Undying Flame"
Thursday, Charlie Chaplin, in "THE IMMIGRANT," also
Fannie Ward in "THE UNCONQUERED"
A Thrilling Drama of Modern Society Life
Friday, the Russian Revolution in 1000 feet of film, the scenes show the movements of the people of Moscow and Petrograd during the exciting days just prior to the outbreak of the revolution. Also a reel picture, "The Reed Case"

Mr. F. H. Cameron
formerly from San Francisco and recent assistant instructor at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association has been engaged at the Charleroi bathing beach as swimming instructor. His duties will be formally taken up Saturday 28th. The hours for swimming open to all will be from 12:00 noon until 8 p. m. each day, Sunday, 12 to 6. For those wishing to receive private instructions in swimming, fancy diving, etc., the hours will be from 9 to 11:30 a. m. each day (weather permitting) at 50c per lesson. Anyone desiring to see the instructor at any time, on matters of business may leave word with
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Round Trip

From Charleroi To

NIAGARA FALLS

NEXT SATURDAY, JULY 28

Excursion tickets good going on trains leaving Pennsylvania Station, Pittsburgh, 9:45 A. M. and 11:05 P. M. Eastern time, and their connections, good returning on all regular trains until August 1, inclusive.

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Charleroi, Pa.

WORTH CHARLEROI

Mrs. William Parks was a caller in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell have moved to Roscoe.

Mrs. Myrtle Sickles of Donora visited at the home of Mrs. P. E. Franks.

Mrs. Bert Alexander and children and Mrs. J. E. Alexander and children spent Tuesday in Monessen.

Teddy Franks is visiting at the home of his uncle, Edward Higham, both at Industry.

Gilbert Parks who is employed in Finleyville spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell have moved to Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bibble and children, and Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Franks and children were callers in Brownsville.

Mrs. R. Heatley of McKeesport and Miss Lottie Watters of Rices Landing are guests at the home of their sister, Mrs. Bert Strauser.

Pennsylvania State Highway Department, Harrisburg, Pa. Sealed proposals will be received at said office until 10 a. m., August 7, 1917, when bids will be publicly opened and scheduled and contracts awarded as soon thereafter as possible for the reconstruction of 19,318 linear feet of Vitrified Block and Reinforced Concrete Pavement 16 feet wide, situated in Cecil and North Strabane Townships, Washington County, on State Highway Route No. 108. Plans and specifications may be seen at office of State Highway Department, Harrisburg, 1001 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, 904 Hartje Building, Pittsburgh and Washington, Pa. Full particulars and information on application to Frank B. Black, State Highway Commissioner. J-16-24-A-3

A NEW FOOD WITH A NEW PURPOSE

Much is being written every day by food experts on what to eat, etc. You don't need expert advice on what to eat when you are enjoying good health. The time for advice is when you are sick and generally debilitated. Then you need scientific food that will take the place of drugs and enable you to feed your way back to health.

HEMO is the food. A scientific combination of the extractives of Malt Milk and Wheat, together with Beef and Iron. Highly concentrated and easily assimilated. Makes a delicious food drink by simply adding water. Will increase your weight and therefore increase your vitality. Helps you to overcome all digestive derangements and stomach trouble. The natural iron in this food improves the quality of the blood. Any doctor or food expert will recommend HEMO. We suggest that you try a 50c package with our guarantee of satisfaction.

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1 lot Prospect Avenue..... 500.00
1 lot Prospect Avenue..... 700.00
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1 lot Oakland Avenue..... 150.00
1 lot Oakland Avenue..... 300.00

L. P. HEPLER
471 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, Pa.

AN OPERATION AVERTED

Philadelphia, Pa.—“One year ago I was very sick and I suffered with pains in my side and back until I nearly went crazy. I went to different doctors and they all said I had female trouble and would not get any relief until I would be operated on. I had suffered for four years before this time, but I kept getting worse the more medicine I took. Every month since I was a young girl I had suffered with cramps in my sides at periods and was never regular. I saw your advertisement in the newspaper and the picture of a woman who had been saved from an operation and this picture was impressed on my mind. The doctor had given me only two more days to make up my mind so I sent my husband to the drug store at once for a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and believe me, I soon noticed a change and when I had finished the third bottle I was cured and never felt better. I grant you the privilege to publish my letter and am only too glad to let other women know of my cure.”—Mrs. Thos. McGONIGAL, 3432 Hartville Street, Phila., Pa.

Our friend Goodloe Thomas, of hee Monessen Friday Evening Call is not pleased with the Buffalo Bill show which recently appeared in his town, as well as Charleroi. Even Jess Willard failed to appease him, for he said the shade of Buffalo Bill must be troubled because of the bunch of bums and con men who have attached themselves to the show bearing his illustrious name—while the clown was simply the limit of profanity.

NOT PLEASED WITH BUFFALO BILL SHOW

Since the curtailment of passenger traffic on the Fairmont Division of the B. & O., there has been an appreciable increase of traffic on the Monongahela Railroad, as well as on the Monongahela and the Lake Erie Divisions down the Monongahela. The patronage of the parlor car is an indication of the change of travel, and in addition the Monongahela valley route is both shorter and cleaner.

MORE TRAFFIC DOWN THE MONONGAHELA

HOLDING DANCE AND EUCHE AT ELDORA PARK
The Ladies' Auxiliary of the A. O. H. of Donora is holding a euche and dance at Eldora park this evening. A large attendance is expected from the surrounding towns.

BOOM IN BUILDING MINERS' DWELLINGS

Increased demand for coal has caused quite a number of mining companies to award contracts for miners' houses, to be located near the operations. The Lincoln Gas Coal company, of Washington, has awarded a contract for the erection of 50 houses, to be erected near that town, work to begin at once.

ONE WAY TO WOO SLEEP.

Travel in Memory Some Road You Knew Well in Childhood.
It is hard for me to remember now that my knowledge of the sleepy road, gained so many years ago, came only through the chance bit of advice dropped by a wise, kind, weary old doctor as he shuffled at midnight down the corridor of the silent hotel, says the Atlantic Monthly.

Whatever was the errand of life or death that had called him in such haste, he had time to stop and give me a friendly word, although I, a small and incoherently sleepless patient, was sitting bolt upright among the pillows in defiance of all his orders and war staring wide eyed into the hot, pain-battered dark.

“You think you are never going to be able to sleep again, don't you?” he observed. “Well, shut your eyes and do just what I tell you. Think of some road that you know well, a good long road that winds and turns and shows you water and woods and hills. Keep your eyes tight shut and travel along it in memory. Go as slowly as you can, recall every sight and sound and perfume as you pass by.”

I have a road of my own, the one I used to walk to school when I was eight years old. I have started out on it a hundred times when I thought I could not sleep, but I never get very far. I come just about to the old stone bridge over Damon's creek or perhaps to the swimming hole, where the willows dip into the brown water, but I never reach the end.”

FACING THE CAMERA.

Don't Dress Up and Don't Pose When Having a Picture Taken.

“There are many things I would like to say to the woman who intends having her picture taken,” said a famous photographer the other day.

“Many women come to me and say: ‘Of course you prefer taking actresses. They must have many advantages over those women who never have time but to give an occasional glance in their mirrors.’ This is entirely a mistake. The conscious pose never makes a satisfactory portrait. I would say emphatically to the woman who goes to have her photograph made not to rehearse her pose and facial expression beforehand.”

“I always find it difficult to impress on the woman coming to my studio that clothes and jewels are of absolutely no account in a photograph. If a woman comes to be photographed in the clothes she is used to wearing she will feel at ease and therefore look her best.”

“One of the curses of our present day civilization is the ever changing question of fashion. How much more civilized were the Japanese, who realized that the kimono was perhaps the most perfect dress for women at all times—she only varied it with different broads and girdles. The photograph that concerns itself with clothes is soqu out of fashion, and no matter how good a likeness of the face has been obtained, the picture is grotesque in a few years because the clothes are passe.”

The Professor Worried.

The absent minded professor from the university town was in Indianapolis attending a convention. While in the city he took a tour of the larger department stores. In one of them he was much perplexed.

He read the sign over the door of the elevator.

“This car express to fifth and sixth floors. Up only.”

Absently he read the sign again. Then the car door opened.

“I would like to know,” he asked the elevator boy. “If this elevator goes only up, how on earth did you get down here?”

The elevator boy grinned, frowned, scrutinized the man closely and then said in a dignified voice, “Oh, I just came down.”—Indianapolis News

Putting the Cat Out at Night.

“The practice of turning the cat out of doors at night is as cruel as it is unnecessary. No animal is fonder of warmth and comfort, and the pet's happiness certainly is not increased by a night spent outside in cold and dampness.”

If as much energy was expended in keeping the cat indoors as too often is expended in putting her out, how great would be the boon to human nerves and unfortunate wild things! All felines are normally nocturnal, and it is as night, if ever, that a curb on their activities is needed.—Lee S. Crandall in “Pets.”

True Economy.

There are great joys in practicing true economy in the right spirit. True economy, you see, is not abstaining from necessary things—not at all. The joys of true economy are for those who make the most of what they have; who, finding what may be theirs, proceed to the extraction of the greatest benefit from what is within reach.

Too Much Flirting.

First Co-ed—Why, Doris, how tired your eyes look!
Tired One—Yes, my dear; I rolled them too much this evening.—Syracuse Orange Peel.

No Time For Her.

Physician—Your case is such, madam, that time alone will effect a cure.
Mrs. Randall—Then it is hopeless, for I never have even five minutes.—Life.

He Knew Her.

Mrs. Gabbie—I met Mr. Brown to day while I was shopping. Her Husband—That so? What did you have to say?—Boston Transcript.

VILLAGES OF GALICIA.

Where Family, Cattle and Fowls All Live in Two Rooms.

The villages of Galicia are especially interesting on Sundays and holidays, when the national costumes are donned.

The cottages are generally made of stone or board plastered over and are then covered with a coat of whitewash. The straw roof is frequently crowned with green growing moss, which adds to its picturesque appearance if not to its healthfulness. Water is drawn from the wells by a long pole balanced near the center. These wells have a decided old world appearance.

The interior of the cottages is usually divided into two rooms. In one room the entire family lives, eats and sleeps; in the other, in more or less harmonious contentment, dwell the cows, pigs, chickens and geese. No household would be complete without a number of geese.

Around the cottages a number of children are sure to be seen playing. A dozen or twenty or thirty of such cottages, each separated only by a small yard, make up a village. If there is a marriageable daughter in the house the thatel of the door and the window surroundings are ornamented with little irregular bands, which is a notice to the marriageable young men.—Christian Herald.

VALUE IN DEAD LETTERS.

The Loss and Trouble That Are Caused by Sheer Carelessness.

More than two and a quarter million dollars' worth of checks, drafts, money orders and other valuable papers were found in undelivered letters by the dead letter office during the last year, and practically all were restored to their owners.

The first assistant postmaster general announces that the dead letter division handled 10,339,590 letters and parcels during the year, a slight increase over the previous year. One-third of these letters and parcels, or 3,677,194, was delivered, 101,485 contained things of value without claimants, 7,019,436 had to be destroyed and 41,775 still are being investigated.

In addition to the valuable papers, with a face value of \$2,303,119, found in undelivered letters, many contained stamps, and some currency was found loose in the mails.

The dead mail received by the dead letter division during the year contained 677,700 misdirected letters, 115,766 unaddressed letters, 228,700 letters held for postage, 410,200 letters written on hotel letter paper by persons unknown to the hotels and 104,700 letters bearing fictitious signatures.

Army Aviation Service.

Significant in view of the popular conception of flying as extreme daredevilry, is the record of the United States army aviation service from Jan. 1 to Dec. 20, 1916. During that period 7,087 flights were made by military pilots. In all 3,857 hours were spent in the air, which means that more than nine hours each day of the year some soldier aviator was aloft. The distance traveled amounted to approximately 231,775 miles, or slightly more than ten times the circumference of the earth. There was no fatality. Evidently these figures cannot be fairly compared with current railroad and motorcar statistics. Contrasts are not needed, however, to accent their import. Same flying is not yet accident proof and possibly never will be, but neither is it extremely foolhardy.—Searle-Hendee in Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Richard the Hunchback.

Of all the kings of England perhaps Richard, the hunchback, has the most sinister reputation, his only rival being the crafty John. He died on Bosworth field fighting for the crown he had gained by murder. It is a matter of history as well as of Shakespeare—not always the same thing—that the tide of success turned against Richard when Lord Stanley took himself and his men from his side to that of Richmond. When hard pressed Richard cried: “I am king of England! I will not budge an inch.” Then, being overwhelmed, he died, crying: “Treason! Treason!”

Where Knowledge Stopped.

Bill—Do you know you borrowed \$2 from me over six months ago?
Gul—Yes, I know that.
“And do you know you have never paid me?”

“Why, yes, I know that.”
“Do you know when you are going to pay me?”
“Well,” says, you don't expect me to know anything, do you?”—Pittsburgh Courier Telegraph.

Esquimos and Whales.

The Eskimos use every part of the whale. The oil is light, fuel and food for them; the flesh, food; the whale bone and true bone are used in making sledges, harpoon heads and harpoon shafts; the sinews form thread and twine, the thin membranes, window glass.

Never Unwelcome News.

Katharine—When a person already knows a thing he certainly hates having some one tell him about it. Tom—How about the girl who knows she is pretty?—Str., Stories.

Eat Their Way.

Earthworms swallow the earth which is in their way as they are making their galleries through the soil.

Temperance and labor are the two real physicians of man.

EMERGENCY RATIONS.

Food the Soldier Eats When His Regular Supply Fails.

Of the emergency rations of the fighters of the world the most ostentatious is Uncle Sam's ration of compressed maize meal with meat, fat and three chocolate bars. This ration is deficient in fats for the very good reason that, even though hermetically sealed, it would become rancid if it carried any more fat. It is not therefore a balanced ration, but the container holds enough actual food to keep a soldier from starving for twenty-four hours.

The British troops as well as the Dutch have a sausage made of ground peas, highly salted, reported to have been originated by the Scotch and which is put up in regular sausage skins. It is said to be the most sustaining emergency ration known.

The Italian butter ball is interesting because of the perfect preservation of the unsalted butter within the dry cheese envelope. The compressed tablets of tea make it possible for one to eat his tea if water is not available, the Japanese getting what they call a dry cup of tea by shipping a tablet of compressed tea into the mouth and allowing it to dissolve slowly. All sorts of meat and fish are dried in sheets and strips and hunks by the various armies.

There are not the foods, however upon which armies live, but the emergency rations upon which the soldier depends when the regular rations fail.—Christian Herald.

TESTING THE DENTIST.

Ismael Pasha Didn't Want to Take Any Painful Chances.

To illustrate oriental habits of thought Lord Cromer tells in the Quarterly Review this story of Ismael Pasha Khedive of Egypt. It once happened that Ismael was suffering from tooth ache. He sent for a European dentist, who told him that he ought to have the tooth out. Ismael said that he was afraid it would be very painful. He was informed in reply that if he would allow the dentist to administer laughing gas to him he would feel nothing. He still doubted, but told the dentist to bring his apparatus to the palace. The dentist complied and explained the process to the Khedive. Ismael then summoned an attendant and told him to send up the sentry who was at his door.

When the man arrived the Khedive ordered him to sit down in a chair and requested the dentist to take out a tooth on either side of his jaw. Ismael then asked the man whether he had felt anything, and the man told him that he had not. But Ismael was not yet satisfied. He said that the sentry was a young, strong man and that he would like to see the experiment tried on some one of weaker physique.

Accordingly he summoned a slave girl and had the dentist extract two of her teeth. Finding that she did not show evidence of extreme suffering, he then consented to have his own tooth out.

About the Puritans.

In the American Magazine William Roscoe Thayer says:

“It is the fashion of late to speak condescendingly of the Puritans as of a people of narrow views and of men of sour temperament, but no descendant of theirs and no later immigrant who now dwells in the commonwealth they founded and enjoys the blessings which it bestows upon us will fail to glory in being able to trace back to such forefathers. The story of the conditions which faced the passengers of the Mayflower when they landed at Plymouth can never be too often repeated. To have as founders of our state men and women who had the fear of God in their hearts, but feared the face of no man, ranks as the initial glory of Massachusetts.”

Simplest of Cements.

Condensed milk applied to the edges of the pieces of broken china will keep the article as intact as the majority of cements on the market today. Writes Edwin W. Ely in a letter to the Electrical Experimenter. Mr. Ely adds that he has mended saucers that have withstood washings in hot water and has mended a telescope lens of fairly large size with this unique cement.

Checking a Skid.

When you are driving an automobile and it begins to skid the skid will be checked if you will immediately turn the steering wheel in the direction you are skidding. A car skids when there is a momentum tending to turn it about the center of gravity. When the forces about the center of gravity are balanced the car will not skid.—American Boy.

Lead Filled Inscriptions.

In Job xix, 24, is an allusion to the use of lead to fill carved inscriptions upon stone by pouring the molten lead into the cavities of the letters to render them legible and at the same time to preserve them from the action of the weather.

Domestic Joys.

Mrs. Crabshaw—I might have married that man who became a millionaire. Crabshaw—Forget it, my dear. If he'd married you he would be as poor as I am.—Lamb.

Imitation.

“What a wonderful sunset!”
“Yes. It actually seems to be trying to look like so one of the pictures in the art store.”—Washington Star.

Courage consists not in blindly overlooking danger but in seeing it and conquering it.—Ritter.

Testing Aero Engines.

In testing an aeroplane engine of 2 horsepower a Detroit company mounted it upon a heavy motor truck, and the aerial propeller sent the truck flying along a boulevard at the rate of over forty miles an hour, says the Popular Mechanics Magazine. This was a speed that the truck could not begin to develop under its own motor power, and the method furnished a better practical test of the twelve cylinder aeroplane engine than was possible in the testing laboratory or in any stationary trial on blocks. As an additional test the rear wheels of the two ton truck were locked, so that they would not revolve, and in this condition it was driven across a half park by the aeroplane engine and propeller through heavy drifts of snow and over ice. The motor weighs 800 pounds and develops power sufficient to drive a twelve passenger aeroplane at forty miles an hour.

Lord Brougham's Dream.

Lord Brougham was one of the most stubborn believers in the “common sense” explanation of ghostly appearances as dreams. At Edinburgh university he and an intimate friend drew up an agreement written with their blood that whichever of them died first should appear to the survivor. Years passed; the friend was in India, and Brougham had almost forgotten his existence. Arriving late one night at an inn in Sweden, Brougham had a hot bath and was going to get out of it when he looked toward the chair on which he had left his clothes and saw his friend sitting on it. Brougham seems then to have fainted. On getting home he received a letter announcing that the other had died in India at the very time. Yet this incident, which most people would put down to telepathy at least, was dismissed by Brougham as a mere dream and pure coincidence.

Encouraging to Dullards.

Like Newton, Herbert Spencer in his schoolboy days showed no aptitude for study. Hugh Elliot, his biographer, says of him that “he was very backward as a boy in the ordinary subject of children's lessons. * * * Morally he was extremely disobedient and contemptuous of authority.” At thirteen he “found the discipline of his school more severe than he craved about, and he ran away home to Derby again, walking, forty-eight miles the first day.” Yet as a man, “without money, without special education, without health,” says his biographer, “he produced eighteen large volumes of philosophy and science of many diverse kinds, published a variety of mechanical inventions, and on endless other subjects, great and small, he set forth a profusion of ideas.”

The No Breakfast Plan.

The breakfast eating habit often creates an abnormal stomachic condition. If one is in perfect health and arises with a keen appetite for breakfast there will be no occasion for omitting the meal. There are, however, but few in perfect health, and the omission of breakfast gives the stomach a chance to adjust itself. It has an opportunity to develop a keen appetite for the particular character of nourishment most needed by the body at that time. The no breakfast plan is a splendid means of properly adjusting one's appetite, both as to quantity and character of food.—Physical Culture.

Quite Contented.

“He told her if she consented to an engagement she must be prepared to make all kinds of sacrifices and to be treated with the greatest neglect and even face cruelty and desertion.”

“Was the woman in her senses to agree to such an outrageous proposition?”

“Oh, yes, for the engagement was to play the wronged and deserted wife in a melodramatic picture play.”—Baltimore American.

Just Like a Woman.

“I understand your wife has been quite ill, but is now convalescent.”

“Yes.”

“How was she looking when you left the hospital?”

“In the hand mirror.”—Florida Times-Union.

Aristocrat.

The word “aristocracy” comes from the Greek “aristos” (best) and “archo” (rule), meaning the rule of the best. Literally aristocrat means the “best man.”

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

Kidney Diseases and Diet.

Nearly all diseases of the kidneys are due to salt. If you are suffering with or from your kidneys the first thing to do is to smash all your medicine bottles, cut out salt and sugar from your meals and go on the fruit-cereal diet. Steamed asparagus is the best thing in the world for your kidneys and bladder. Parsley is good for victims of kidney diseases, so also is water cress in the form of salad—but no salt. One should not eat too freely of parsley. Parsley will aid the eyesight by restoring the kidneys to their proper functions, but overdoses of parsley damage the vision. Parsley is the very best of fruit for victims of kidney disease. But no matter the nature or the name of your kidney disease, you can get over it by following the instructions.—

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